

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 690

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A RESOLUTION congratulating Shawn Jones upon being named the Conference USA Player of the Year.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those student-athletes who bring honor and acclaim to their universities and to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Jones, the 6'8" senior member of the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raiders basketball team, is one such individual; he was recently named the 2013-14 Conference USA Player of the Year, a fitting recognition of the important role he played in the Blue Raiders' success this season; and

WHEREAS, the Hialeah, Florida, native is a beacon of leadership who exhibited an unwavering commitment to excellence throughout his career as a Blue Raider; he led the team to a share of the Conference USA regular season title this year, the team's third-straight regular season conference championship and its fourth in five years; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the 2013-14 season, Mr. Jones led MTSU with a scoring average of 14.5 points per game and 15.1 points per game in league play. He also averaged 8.5 rebounds per game (8.1 in conference play), led the team with 61 blocked shots on the year, and ranked seventh in scoring, fifth in rebounding, and second in blocked shots among Conference USA players for the year; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Jones ranked nineteenth nationwide in the NCAA in field-goal percentage and second in Conference USA with a 58.1 shooting percentage, and he ranked forty-sixth in the nation and fourth in the conference with ten double-doubles during the season; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Shawn Jones was named an All-C-USA First Team selection and was selected as the Conference USA Player of the Week three times; and

WHEREAS, in being named the Conference USA Player of the Year, Mr. Jones became only the fifth player in MTSU history to earn conference player of the year honors; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Jones is an outstanding student-athlete and an upstanding member of his community who inspires those around him, and it is wholly fitting that this body recognize him on this auspicious occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Shawn Jones of MTSU upon his receipt of the Conference USA Player of the Year Award, applauding his dedication to the pursuit of excellence in all his endeavors, and extending our best wishes for his continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.